

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re divisional patent application of
Divakaruni et al.**

Serial No.: Not yet assigned Group Art Unit: Unknown

For: SELF-ALIGNED NEAR SURFACE STRAP FOR HIGH DENSITY
TRENCH DRAMS

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after line 3, insert the following:

-- Cross-Reference To Related Applications

This application is a division of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/603,657 filed June 23, 2000, --

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please substitute the attached formal drawings (9 sheets, containing Figs. 1-9) for the drawings which were originally filed with the parent application. The drawings originally filed with the parent application are attached to a copy of the originally filed specification which are included herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

The above changes to the claims have been made to cancel claims being prosecuted in a separate application. This Preliminary Amendment leaves claims 8-20 pending in the present application.

The prior application is assigned of record to (1) International Business Machines Corp., Armonk, New York, and (2) Infineon Technologies North America Corp.

Early and favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 09-0458.

Respectfully submitted,



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